

# 2007 Year in Review

*It is not what we have that will make us a great nation;  
it is the way in which we use it.*

- Theodore Roosevelt, July 4, 1886



*"Serving Western Legislatures"*

The Council of State Governments-*WEST*



# A Message from CSG-WEST Officers



2008 CSG-WEST Officers

Left to right: Sen. Tom O'Halleran, Arizona; Sen. Lesil McGuire, Alaska; Rep. Jeff Morris, Washington; Rep. Jose Campos, New Mexico

In the fall of 1947, political leaders from the western states met in San Francisco for the purpose of establishing the Western Office of The Council of State Governments. Around the table there was an acknowledged need for the West to follow the lead of the South, the Northeast and the Midwest to form a regional association of state political leaders to provide a platform and a voice for the unique needs of the western states in post-war America. The minutes of the meeting from that first year provide a vivid example of how ideas and best practices are shared among states as Senator Vincent Thomas from California reported on the success of the San Francisco Trade Zone and emphasized that trade zones would be of value to the entire West, not only in San Francisco, but in Los Angeles, Portland and Seattle.

This spirit of cooperation and collaboration among states who share borders as well as a common culture provides the best reason why CSG-WEST has been the longest continuously serving organization for political leaders in the West. The Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming provided a spectacular place to celebrate the 60th anniversary of CSG-WEST, and as you review the activities that took place there and throughout 2007 as reported in this Year in Review, you will see the opportunities provided for western state legislators to listen and learn from each other.

We look forward to continuing that tradition of service and appreciate your support as colleagues and friends.

Sincerely,

Senator Lesil McGuire, Alaska  
CSG-WEST Chair

Senator Tom O'Halleran, Arizona  
CSG-WEST Vice Chair

Representative Jose Campos, New Mexico  
CSG-WEST Chair-Elect

Representative Jeff Morris, Washington  
Speaker Pro Tempore  
CSG-WEST Immediate Past Chair

# CSG-WEST 2007 Executive Committee

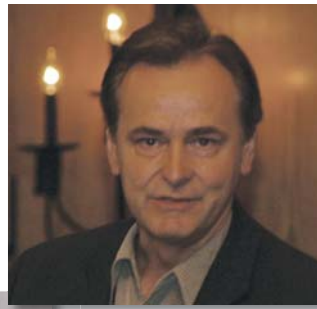
The Executive Committee serves as the board of directors for CSG-WEST, reviewing the work and activities of policy committees, adopting policy positions and annually selecting participants for the Western Legislative Academy.

The committee is comprised of CSG-WEST officers and program leaders, western legislators serving in CSG national leadership positions, the presiding legislative officers and ranking minority leaders of each member

state and legislators appointed by the presiding legislative officers of member states.

The Executive Committee of CSG-WEST works with staff and officers of the Western Governors' Association, Western Municipal Conference and Western Interstate Region of the National Association of Counties to build consistent and creative advocacy of the West's interests by political leaders at the state and local level.

## Program Participants



*Pam Inmann, Executive Director of Western Governors Association in Denver, Colorado, talked about issues that western governors and state legislators could work on together.*



*Alberta Minister-Counsellor Murray Smith (top left); Rob Merrifield (top right), Member of Parliament and Co-chair of the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group from Ottawa; and Joan McIntyre, Member of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, shared perspectives on western provincial/state opportunities for cooperation.*



*Luis E. Ramirez Thomas (top), Chair of the Travel and Immigration Committee of the Border Trade Alliance in Phoenix, Arizona, and Canadian Consul General Marc LePage (right) of San Francisco, California, shared perspectives on North American collaboration.*



*California Senator Mike Machado (top) and Bill Vickrey (right), Administrative Director of the California Courts Judicial Council of California, talked about western state legislative-judicial relationships.*



*Jay Jensen, Director of the Western Forestry Leadership Coalition, talked about the effect of the western bark beetle.*



# CSG-WEST 2007 Executive Committee

## Meetings-at-a-Glance

### May 26 - San Francisco, California

- Selection of Western Legislative Academy Class of 2007
- Western Legislative Conference Policy Agenda Setting Sessions
- North America Competitiveness
- State Legislative / Judicial Branch Relations
- Western Bark Beetle Assessment
- School Trust Lands: The Utah Experience

### September 19 - Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming

- Opportunities to Collaborate with Western Governors' Association
- CSG-WEST Programs and Projects Reports
- North American Cooperation
- Shooting Star Presentation
- Nominating Committee Report

## Member Participation



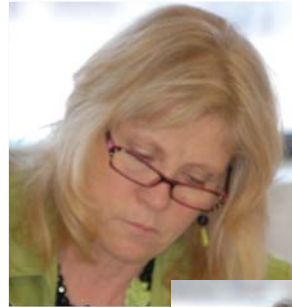
Senate Majority Leader  
Gary Stevens (AK)



Rep.  
Jose Campos (NM)



Rep. Jackie Dingfelder (OR)



Speaker Pro  
Tempore  
Cheri Jahn (CO)



Rep. Marcus Oshiro (HI)



House Minority Leader  
Tom Taylor (NM)



Rep. Janice  
Arnold-Jones (NM)



Rep. Mel Brown (UT)



Senate Majority Leader  
Bart Davis (ID)



Senate President  
Ben Altamirano (NM)



Sen. Carlene Walker (UT)



Rep. Ronda Rudd Menlove (UT)



Sen. Kate Brown (OR), Rep. Jeff Morris (WA)

# CSG-WEST 2007 Executive Committee

## Member Participation



*Rep. Dell Raybould (ID)*  
*Rep. Maxine Bell (ID)*



*Rep. Rich Wills (ID)*



*Sen. Carolyn Allen (AZ)*



*Rep. Jim Keane (MT)*



*Sen. Grant Larson (WY)*



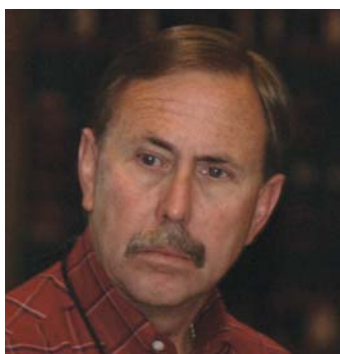
*Sen. Paula Sandoval (CO)*



*Rep. John Coghill (AK)*



*Sen. Lesil McGuire, Alaska*



*House Minority Leader Marty Martin (WY)*



*Senate President John Schiffer (WY)*



*Rep. Thomas Garcia (NM)*  
*Rep. Dave Quall (WA)*



*Sen. Mary Jane Garcia (NM)*



# CSG-WEST 2007 Executive Committee



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CSG-WEST Vice Chair



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Jeff Morris, WA  
CSG-WEST Immediate Past Chair

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Lesil McGuire, *Senator*  
John Harris, *Speaker of the House*  
Beth Kerttula, *House Minority Leader*  
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John Coghill, *Representative*  
David Guttentberg, *Representative*

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Elaine Alquist, *Senator*  
Michael Machado, *Senator*  
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Michael N. Villines, *Assembly Minority Floor Leader*  
Hector De La Torre, *Assembly Member*  
Pedro Nava, *Assembly Member*

## Colorado

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Brandon Shaffer, *Senate Assistant Majority Leader*  
Paula E. Sandoval, *Senator*  
Andrew Romanoff, *Speaker of the House*  
Cheri Jahn, *Speaker Pro Tempore*  
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Lynn Finnegan, *House Minority Leader*  
Marcus R. Oshiro, *Representative*

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Clint Stennett, *Senate Minority Leader*  
Lawrence E. Denney, *Speaker of the House*  
Wendy Jaquet, *House Minority Leader*  
Maxine T. Bell, *Representative*  
Thomas F. Loertscher, *Representative*  
Dell Raybould, *Representative*  
Richard Wills, *Representative*

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Mike Cooney, *President of the Senate*  
Corey Stapleton, *Senate Minority Leader*  
Kim Gillan, *Senator*  
Scott Sales, *Speaker of the House*  
John Parker, *House Minority Leader*  
Jim Keane, *Representative*

## New Mexico

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Michael S. Sanchez, *Senate Majority Floor Leader*  
Mary Jane M. Garcia, *Senate Majority Whip*  
Stuart Ingle, *Senate Minority Floor Leader*  
Timothy Z. Jennings, *Senator*  
Gay G. Kernan, *Senator*  
Ben Lujan, *Speaker of the House*  
Thomas C. Taylor, *House Minority Floor Leader*  
Jose Campos, *Representative*  
Janice E. Arnold-Jones, *Representative*  
Gail Chasey, *Representative*  
Thomas A. Garcia, *Representative*  
Danice Picraux, *Representative*  
Jeannette O. Wallace, *Representative*

## Nevada

William J. Raggio, *Senate Majority Floor Leader*  
Dina Titus, *Senate Minority Floor Leader*  
Barbara E. Buckley, *Speaker of the Assembly*  
John Oceguera, *Assembly Majority Floor Leader*  
Garn Mabey, *Assembly Minority Floor Leader*  
Hedi S. Gansert, *Assistant Minority Floor Leader*  
Kelvin D. Atkinson, *Assembly Member*

## Oregon

Peter Courtney, *President of the Senate*  
Ted Ferrioli, *Senate Republican Leader*  
Kate Brown, *Senator*  
Jeff Merkley, *Speaker of the House*  
Wayne Scott, *House Republican Leader*  
Jackie Dingfelder, *Representative*

## Utah

John L. Valentine, *President of the Senate*  
Mike Dmitrich, *Senate Minority Leader*  
Carlene M. Walker, *Senator*  
Greg J. Curtis, *Speaker of the House*  
Ralph Becker, *House Minority Leader*  
Mel R. Brown, *Representative*  
Ronda Rudd Menlove, *Representative*  
Stephen H. Urquhart, *Representative*

## Washington

Lisa Brown, *Senate Majority Leader*  
Mike Hewitt, *Senate Republican Leader*  
Frank Chopp, *Speaker of the House*  
Richard DeBolt, *House Minority Leader*  
Jeff Morris, *Representative*  
Dave Quall, *Representative*

## Wyoming

John C. Schiffer, *President of the Senate*  
Ken Decaria, *Senate Minority Floor Leader*  
Grant Larson, *Senator*  
Roy Cohee, *Speaker of the House*  
Marty Martin, *House Minority Floor Leader*

## Ex-Officio Members

Dave Henderson, *Oregon Legislative Administrator*  
Pamela Varni, *Executive Director*  
Alaska Legislative Affairs Agency



"Serving Western Legislatures"

# Summary of CSG-WEST Programs and Projects

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## Programs

- The **Western Legislative Conference** brings together legislators from western states to learn from each other and collaborate on issues of regional concern such as water, public lands, energy and transportation.
- The **Western Legislative Academy** is an intensive professional development program designed to help newer western state legislators become more effective leaders and build stronger legislative institutions.
- **WESTRENDS** is a regional leadership board comprised of one legislator from each western state that addresses demographic, economic and cultural trends shaping the West.
- The **Legislative Service Agency and Research Directors Committee** provides nonpartisan western staff leaders management training and opportunities to share best practices with each other.

## Projects

- Pursuing cooperative solutions to issues that arise along the 2000-mile U.S.-Mexican border is the focus of the **Border Legislative Conference**, which is composed of state legislators from California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and the six Mexican border states of Baja California, Sonora, Chihuahua, Nuevo Leon, Coahuila and Tamaulipas.
- The **U.S.-Mexico State Alliance Partnership** is a binational, multi-branch program of cooperation, in coordination with the Conference of Western Attorneys General and the National Association of State Treasurers, that serves as a platform for the ongoing implementation of the Border Legislative Conference and exchanges among state attorneys general and treasurers of the U.S. and Mexico.
- CSG-WEST acts as a convener for the **Legislative Council on River Governance**, a cooperative association of legislators from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana on environment and energy issues in the Columbia River Basin.



*GrandTeton Reflection on Beaver Pond*



# Western Legislative Service Agency and Research Directors

October 10-13, 2007 in San Francisco, California

*A long, healthy, and happy life is the result of making contributions ...*

~ Hans Selye



*Reviewing new ethics laws (left to right) Rick Berkobien, Oregon; Raul Burciaga, New Mexico; Pam Varni, Alaska*



*Working on a 7 Habits exercise (left to right) Richard Rodger, Washington; Jeff Youtz, Idaho; Pam Varni, Alaska; Dave Henderson, Oregon*



*Learning about effectiveness in the workplace (left to right) Don Williams, Nevada; Charlotte Carter-Yamauchi, Hawaii; Sherry McNamara, Washington; John Cannon, Utah; Dan Pauli, Wyoming*



*Reviewing new technology in Western Legislatures (left to right) Sherry McNamara, Washington; Dave Thomas, Arizona; Tito Kumar, California*

The Legislative Service Agency/Research Directors (LSA/RD) Committee is made up of the nonpartisan legislative staff directors of the West.

This core CSG-WEST program is dedicated to finding ways to deliver the best possible customer service to lawmakers in a positive and professional workplace environment. Western staff leaders convene each year for professional development training.

Oregon Legislative Administrator Dave Henderson and Alaska Legislative Affairs Agency Executive Director Pam Varni, respectively LSA/RD committee chair and chair-elect, facilitated the 2007 committee forum in San Francisco, California. LSA/RD

members from Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming participated in the fall training seminar.

Members shared information on what happened in 2007 sessions, legislative ethics, impacts of new technology and human resource issues, including how to manage Generation Y in the workplace and planning for the next generation of leaders. In addition, a senior FranklinCovey trainer taught “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People” to help legislative staff directors become more effective in their work lives.



# Western Legislative Conference

September 17-18, 2007 in Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming

*Nothing but good can result from an exchange of information and opinions ...*

*~ Thomas Jefferson to Elbridge Gerry, 1797*

Lawmakers from the West's 13 state legislatures assembled in policy forums at the CSG-WEST annual meeting to learn from one another and share ideas about strategies and solutions.



## Overview of 2007 Policy Committees

### Education Committee



CHAIR  
Dave Quall  
Representative  
Washington



VICE CHAIR  
Ronda Rudd Menlove  
Representative  
Utah

The committee focused on an update of federal legislation, the "No Child Left Behind" act, and how changes could impact states in the western region. How to attain adequacy and equity when it comes to education finance in public schools was also an important discussion item. Members held a roundtable exchange on successful programs in their respective states.

### Energy and Environment Committee



CHAIR  
Jackie Dingfelder  
Representative  
Oregon



VICE CHAIR  
John Coghill  
Representative  
Alaska

This forum addressed three different policy aspects of energy and how they intersect: 1) cap and trade, carbon tax, and CO2 sequestration 2) conservation and efficiency and 3) the environment.

# Western Legislative Conference

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## Fiscal Affairs Committee



CHAIR  
Paula E. Sandoval  
Senator  
Colorado



VICE CHAIR  
Carolyn S. Allen  
Senator  
Arizona

With growing prison populations putting considerable pressure on state budgets, the Fiscal Affairs committee explored justice reinvestment strategies to reduce corrections spending. They also looked at what states should be doing in the 'good times' to prepare for the next crisis or economic downturn.

## Transportation and Trade Committee



CHAIR  
Pedro Nava  
Assembly Member  
California



VICE CHAIR  
Jim Keane  
Representative  
Montana

This forum considered innovative ways to relieve highway congestion, the status of western ports and how they impact western trade, and how one state, Oregon, has implemented a model program to raise highway revenues.

## Water and Public Lands Committee



CHAIR  
Dell Raybould  
Representative  
Idaho



VICE CHAIR  
Kelvin D. Atkinson  
Assembly Member  
Nevada

The committee reviewed impacts of climate change and demographic shifts on western water supplies, sustainable management, and the integration of water and land use planning. The committee also was briefed on school trust land issues and pending federal water and public lands legislation.

## Western Legislatures Committee



CHAIR  
Marcus R. Oshiro  
Representative  
Hawaii



VICE CHAIR  
Janice E. Arnold-Jones  
Representative  
New Mexico

The Western Legislatures Committee held a forum on political engagement that featured the study "A New Engagement? Political participation, Civic Life and the Changing American Citizen." The Education Commission of the States offered practical insights on how to bring young people into the political process. Lawmakers looked at western innovations to engage citizens in state legislatures, such as Washington State's nationally known TVW broadcasts, Hawaii's Public Access Room and Politicopia, Utah's invitation to citizens to participate in the legislative process via the Internet.



# WESTRENDS

*September 17, 2007 in Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming*

*The issues of population migration, water, and energy usage all influence climate change. As members of the WESTRENDS Board, it is incumbent upon all of us to educate our constituents about the interdependence of these issues.*

~ Senator Mike Machado, California, WESTRENDS Board Chair

WESTRENDS provides a forum for legislators to examine the consequences of demographic, economic and cultural trends shaping the West. The WESTRENDS Board at their session in Wyoming heard and discussed presentations on climate change and the consequences of a warming West, such as the drought, floods and fire that ravaged the region in 2007. The Board is comprised of one legislator from each of the western states and convenes one of its sessions in conjunction with the CSG-WEST annual meeting.



*Sen. Michael Machado (CA)*  
WESTRENDS Chair



*Tammy Frisby*  
WESTRENDS Program Presenter  
Executive Director of Bill Lane Center for the  
Study of the North American West  
Stanford University, Palo Alto, California



*Roger Pulwarty*  
WESTRENDS Program Presenter  
Water Section Leader of Intergovernmental Panel  
on Climate Change, National Oceanic and  
Atmospheric Administration, Boulder, Colorado



*Sen. Kim Gillan (MT)*  
WESTRENDS Vice Chair



*Steven Running*  
WESTRENDS Program Presenter  
Lead Author of North America Working Group II  
for 4th Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change  
University of Montana, Missoula

## WESTRENDS Board 2007-2008

Senator Michael **Machado**, Chair, California

Representative Peggy **Wilson**, Alaska

Senator Tom **O'Halleran**, Arizona

Senator Gail **Schwartz**, Colorado

Senator Brian T. **Taniguchi**, Hawaii

Representative Maxine **Bell**, Idaho

Assembly Member John **Oceguera**

Assembly Majority Floor Leader, Nevada

Senator Kim **Gillan**, Vice Chair, Montana

Representative Ben **Lujan**

Speaker of the House, New Mexico

Senator Vicki **Walker**, Oregon

Representative Ralph **Becker**

House Minority Leader, Utah

Senator Derek **Kilmer**, Washington

Representative Thomas **Lockhart**, Wyoming

# WESTRENDS

## Forum Participants



*Rep. Jeff Morris (WA)*

*Rep. Ronda Rudd Menlove (UT)*



*Rep. Maxine Bell (ID)*



*Sen. John Lee (NV)*



*Sen. Lesil McGuire (AK)*



*Sen. Gail Schwartz (CO)*



*Sen. Tom O'Halleran (AZ)*



*Rep. Jackie Dingfelder (OR)*



*Rep. Thomas Lockhart (WY)*



*Rep. Marcus Oshiro (HI)*



# Western Legislative Academy

November 5-8, 2007 in Colorado Springs, Colorado

*Politics is more than dealing with issues. It also requires a 'compass' of principles.*  
~ Helmut Kohl, Chancellor of West Germany, 1990



The Western Legislative Academy (WLA) is the premier training program for newer state legislators in the West. Each year a class of 39 is selected to spend three and a half days in intensive training classes in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Academy has two goals:

1. Helping lawmakers in their first four years of service become effective, and
2. Building support for stronger legislative institutions.

WLA is a scholarship program, and admission is competitive. Its impressive faculty includes leading academic authorities on state legislatures, U.S. Air Force trainers, experienced legislative leaders and national experts in communications, leadership, time management, ethics and negotiations.

WLA is highly ranked by those who participate and by the bipartisan western legislative leaders who support the Academy. Since its inception in 2000, the WLA has graduated 300 alumni from Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Approximately 70 percent of the WLA alumni now serving in western state legislatures are in chamber, caucus and committee leadership positions.

Two alumni now serve in the U.S. House of Representatives, and two serve in the U.S. Senate. WLA alumni have gone on to state-wide elected offices and cabinet positions.

The El Pomar Foundation leads a growing number of public and private sector contributors in providing the financial and in-kind support that is important to the success of the Western Legislative Academy.



# Western Legislative Academy

## Class of 2007



*Photo courtesy of Lynn Boutte Photography*

First Row (*left to right*): David Bobzien (Asmbr NV), Lynda Moss (Sen MT), Sherry Appleton (Rep WA), Tony Mendoza (Asmbr CA), Mele Carroll (Rep HI), Lisa Shepperson (Rep WY), Bill Nooney (Rep MT), John T.L. Grubescic (Sen NM), Kathy Davison (Rep WY), Jimmie Hall (Rep NM), Claire Levy (Rep CO)

Second Row (*left to right*): Lori Millin (Rep WY), Arnie Roblan (Rep OR), Paul Neuenschwander (Rep UT), Bill Killen (Rep ID), Ron Maurer (Rep OR), Ken Peterson (Rep MT), Joyce Broadsword (Sen ID), Adam Driggs (Rep AZ)

Third Row (*left to right*): Russ Fulcher (Sen ID), Jonathon Paton (Rep AZ), Jennifer Seelig (Rep UT), Paula Aboud (Sen AZ), Mark Neuman (Rep AK), Jill Tokuda (Sen HI)

Fourth Row (*left to right*): Larry Seaquist (Rep WA), Clarence Nishihara (Sen HI), Sylvia Andersen (Rep UT), Thomas Garcia (Rep NM), Marv Hagedorn (Rep ID), Jean Cowan (Rep OR)

Fifth Row (*left to right*): Pat Sullivan (Rep WA), Tom McGillvray (Rep MT), Ellen Roberts (Rep CO), James Settelmeyer (Asmbr NV), Ray Peterson (Sen WY), Anthony Adams (Asmbr CA), Jeff Morris (Rep WA)–CSG-WEST Chair



**WLA 2007 Class President**  
Rep. Thomas Garcia, New Mexico



# Western Legislative Academy Alumni 2000-2007

## ALASKA

Rep. John Coghill, Jr.-02  
Fmr. Rep. Eric Croft-00  
Rep. Nancy Dahlstrom-04  
Fmr. Rep. Hugh "Bud" Fate-02  
Rep. Carl Gatto-06  
Fmr. Sen. Gretchen Guess-01  
Rep. David Guttentberg-04  
Spkr. John Harris-00  
Fmr. Rep. Jim Holm-03  
Sen. Charlie Huggins-05  
Fmr. Rep. Mary Kapsner-02  
Rep. Mike Kelly-05  
Sen. Lesil McGuire-01  
Rep. Kevin Meyer-02  
U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski-00  
Rep. Mark Neuman-07  
Rep. Kurt Olson-05  
Rep. Ralph Samuels-03  
Rep. Paul Seaton-04  
Fmr. Sen. Ralph Seekins-04  
Sen. Bert Stedman-06  
Sen. Gary Stevens-01  
Rep. William A. Thomas Jr.-06  
Sen. Thomas Wagoner-03  
Sen. Gary Wilken-00  
Rep. Peggy Wilson-01

## ARIZONA

Sen. Paula Aboud-07  
Rep. Olivia Cajero Bedford-03  
Sen. Timothy Bee-02  
Rep. David Bradley-05  
Rep. Jennifer Burns-03  
Sen. Meg Burton Cahill-01  
Fmr. Sen. Robert Cannell-01  
Rep Adam Driggs-07  
U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords-04  
Fmr. Sen. Herb Guenther-00  
Sen. Albert Hale-05  
Fmr. Sen. Toni Hellon-02  
Fmr. Rep. Russ Jones-05  
Fmr. Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick-06  
Rep. Bill Konopnicki-05  
Rep. Phil Lopes-03  
Rep. John McComish-06  
Rep. Nancy McLain-06  
U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell-00  
Sen. Tom O'Halleran-02  
Rep. Jonathon Paton-07  
Sen. Thayer Verschoor-03  
Sen. Jim Waring-04

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Sen. Jeff Denham-04  
The late Asmbr.  
Marco Firebaugh-00  
Asmbr. Tony Mendoza-07  
Sen. Jenny Oropeza-01

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Rep. Debbie Benefield-05  
Rep. Alice Borodkin-02  
Fmr. Sen. Jim Dyer-00  
Fmr. Rep. Dale Hall-06  
Rep. Mary Hodge-02

Sen. Jim Isgar-04  
Rep. Cheri Jahn-04  
Fmr. Rep. Ramey Johnson-03  
Rep. James J. Kerr-06  
Rep. Claire Levy-07  
Fmr. Rep. Carl Miller-00  
Rep. Jim Riesberg-05  
Rep. Ellen Roberts-07  
Rep. Raymond Rose-03  
Sen. Paula Sandoval-03  
Fmr. Rep. Jim Snook-01  
Rep. Judy Solano-06  
Fmr. Spkr. Lola Spradley-00  
Rep. Debbie Stafford-02  
Sen. Abel Tapia-02  
Fmr. Sen. Ron Teck-00  
Rep. Nancy Todd-06

## HAWAII

Fmr. Sen. Melodie Aduja-03  
Fmr. Rep. Emily Auwae-00  
Rep. Rida T.R. Cabanilla-06  
Rep. Mele Carroll-07  
Rep. Pono Chong-05  
Sen. J. Kalani English-01  
Rep. Cindy Evans-03  
Rep. Lynn Finnegan-04  
Fmr. Rep. Helene Hale-01  
Sen. Lorraine Inouye-00  
Fmr. Rep. Mindy Jaffe-01  
Fmr. Rep. Sol Kaho'ohalahala-00  
Rep. Jon Riki Karamatsu-03  
Sen. Donna Mercado Kim-02  
Sen. Russell Kokubun-02  
Rep. Hermina Morita-00  
Sen. Clarence Nishihara-07  
Rep. Scott Nishimoto-04  
Fmr. Rep. David Pendleton-02  
Sen. Jill Tokuda-07  
Sen. Shan Tsutsui-05  
Rep. Glenn Wakai-04  
Rep. Kyle Yamashita-05

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Rep. Clifford Bayer-05  
Rep. Sharon Block-03  
Rep. Darrell Bolz-01  
Fmr. Sen. Skip Brandt-02  
Sen. Joyce Broadsword-07  
Fmr. Sen. Don Burtenshaw-00  
Fmr. Rep. Joseph Cannon-04  
Fmr. Sen. Dick Compton-04  
Sen. Tim Corder-05  
Sen. Russ Fulcher-07  
Sen. John Goedde-01  
Rep. Marv Hagedorn-07  
Rep. R.J. "Dick" Harwood-02  
Rep. Frank Henderson-06  
Sen. Brent Hill-02  
Rep. Bill Killen-07  
Sen. Patti Anne Lodge-01  
Sen. John McGee-06  
Sen. Curt McKenzie-03  
Rep. Dell Raybould-02  
Fmr. Rep. Robert Ring-04  
Rep. John Rusche-05

Rep. Mack Shirley-04  
Rep. Elaine Smith-03  
Fmr. Rep. Steve Smylie-00  
Sen. Joe Stegner-00  
Rep. Richard Wills-06  
Fmr. Rep. Gary Young-01

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Lt. Gov. John Bohlinger-00  
Rep. Robyn Driscoll-06  
Sen. Kim Gillan-00  
Fmr. Rep. George Golie-00  
Sen. Ken Hansen-04  
Rep. Dennis Himmelberger-05  
Fmr. Rep. Linda Holden-01  
Rep. Joey Jayne-01  
Rep. Jim Keane-02  
Sen. Rick Laible-03  
Rep. Michael Lange-03  
Sen. Lane Larson-05  
Fmr. Rep. Monica Lindeen-00  
Rep. Gary MacLaren-06  
Rep. Scott Mendenhall-04  
Sen. Lynda Moss-07  
Rep. Tom McGillivray-07  
Fmr. Rep. Mark Noennig-01  
Rep. Bill Nooney-07  
Rep. Ken Peterson-07  
Sen. Don Ryan-01  
Sen. Trudi Schmidt-03  
Sen. Frank Smith-02  
Fmr. Rep. Jeanne Windham-06

## NEVADA

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# U.S.-Mexico State Alliance Partnership

*The U.S.-Mexico relationship is necessary for the social, economic and political development of both countries and ... we cannot place a barrier on the historical, cultural and international ties we have shared over time.*

~ Honorable Jose Reyes Baeza Terrazas, Governor of the State of Chihuahua

## U.S.-Mexico State Alliance Partnership

Created in the winter of 2006, the U.S.-Mexico State Alliance Partnership is a jointly funded program between CSG and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), in cooperation with the Conference of Western Attorneys General (CWAG) and the National Association of State Treasurers (NAST). The Partnership goal is to strengthen and promote cooperation among state legislative and executive branch institutions in the U.S. and Mexico.

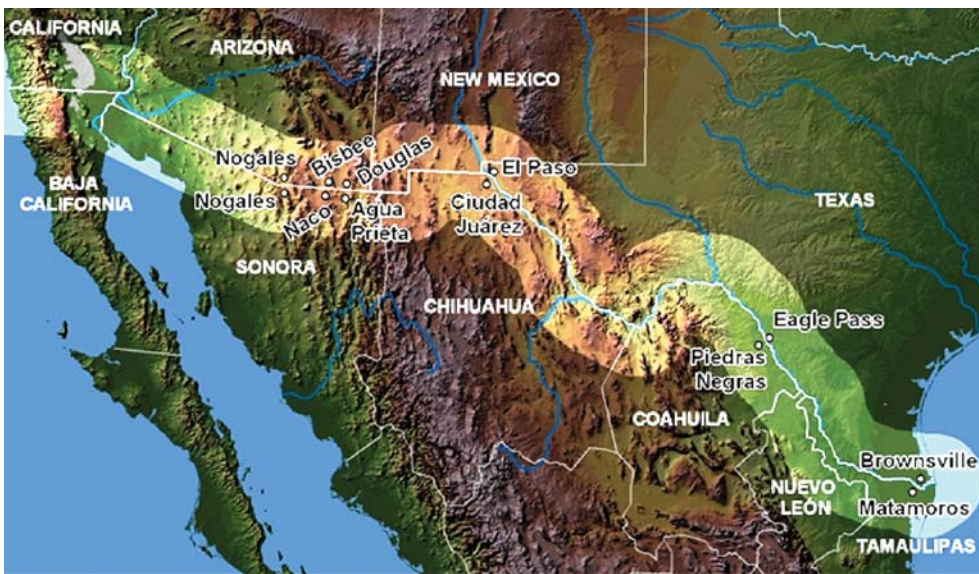
The Alliance builds upon the success of the Border Legislative Conference (BLC) as well as CSG's international programs and multi-branch, multi-regional structure. The Partnership promotes the expanded role of states in the ongoing support of the BLC and the establishment of exchanges among attorneys general and state treasurers of Mexico and the U.S.

## Border Legislative Conference

Comprising the legislative component of the U.S.-Mexico State Alliance Partnership, the Border Legislative Conference (BLC) is a binational mechanism for cooperation among state legislators of the U.S.-Mexico border region. The goal of the BLC is to empower border state legislators to engage in the binational agenda and provide input into the development of policy between both countries.

In 2007, the BLC provided an opportunity for participating lawmakers to focus on critical topics such as immigration, drug abuse, border crossings and infrastructure, climate variability and impacts on water resources, human trafficking, agriculture, and economic development.

Stretching nearly 2,000-miles, the U.S.-Mexico border region is a major economic engine for both countries. The two countries share not only a common border, but also commercial, historic and cultural ties.



Membership in the BLC is comprised of legislators from California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas in the U.S., and Baja California, Sonora, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon, and Tamaulipas in Mexico. For more information, please visit [www.borderlegislators.org](http://www.borderlegislators.org).

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# Border Legislative Conference



CHAIR  
Juan Jose Gonzalez Espinoza  
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*XV BLC in Chihuahua  
(left to right) 2007 BLC  
Chair Diputado Juan  
José González Espinoza  
(Chihuahua), Chihuahua  
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*BLC Health Report  
2007 BLC Health Committee Co-chairs (left to right)  
Diputada Leticia Amparano Gámez (Sonora) and  
Senator Mary Jane Garcia (New Mexico) at the  
Santa Fe XVI BLC Forum*



*BLC Members in  
attendance at the XVI BLC  
in Santa Fe, New Mexico  
(House chambers)*



## 2007 Border Legislative Conference (BLC) Meetings

*XV BLC Forum: March 29-30  
Chihuahua, Chihuahua*

*XVI BLC Forum: October 18-19  
Santa Fe, New Mexico*

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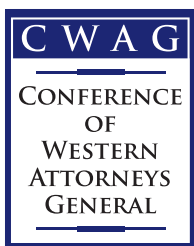
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# U.S.-Mexico State Alliance Partnership



*BLC members & speakers in attendance at the XV BLC in Chihuahua, Chihuahua March 29-30, 2007*

## Attorneys General Exchanges



In partnership with (CWAG), two exchanges between U.S. and Mexico State Attorneys General were organized in 2007. The first exchange convened during the CWAG Annual Meeting in Anaheim, California in July

where state attorneys generals of the Mexican states of Chihuahua, Morelos, Zacatecas, and Coahuila, along with representatives of Mexico's Federal Attorney General's office, participated in a general session on U.S.-Mexico issues as well as in specific breakout session focused on selection and recruitment, criminal investigation techniques, presentation of evidence in organized crime cases, and human trafficking.

The second meeting convened September 21-22, 2007 during Mexico's 19th Annual Conference of Attorneys General in Jiutepec, Morelos, Mexico.

The exchange provided an opportunity for U.S. and Mexico state attorneys general to openly discuss topics of mutual interest such as human trafficking, smuggling of firearms, efforts to reduce methamphetamines, Internet crimes against children and money laundering. Participants shared perspectives on the need to work cooperatively with joint extradition efforts to capture wanted fugitives and the need to exchange information on best practices in the area of criminal investigations.

Arizona Attorney General, Terry Goddard, Chair of CWAG, will host the next forum in the spring of 2008 to follow-up and provide specific focus on the topics discussed.

*Mexico's Attorney General Eduardo Medina Mora Icaza and Arizona Attorney General and Chair of CWAG Terry Goddard*



*State Attorneys General and Assistant Attorneys General of the western states of Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Nevada, Idaho, North Dakota, Hawaii, and California participated in the 19th National Conference of Attorneys General of Mexico in Morelos, Mexico. State attorneys general from all 31 Mexican states, the Federal District, and Mexico's Attorney General, Eduardo Medina Mora, attended the meeting.*



# Legislative Council on River Governance

August 20-21, 2007 in Boise, Idaho

*We cannot make rivers whole unless we wholly understand them.*

~ Rob Brown, Wheeler School, Providence, Rhode Island



CHAIR  
Bob Jensen  
Representative  
Oregon

Legislative Council on River Governance (LCRG) is a cooperative association of legislators from Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington who meet to discuss common interests and challenges along the Columbia River basin.

In 2007, LCRG members discussed drought and climate change impacts on water supplies and power production, the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's Fish and Wildlife Program, and Montana Tribal Water Rights Settlement issues. Participating legislators also were updated on the implementation of Washington's Columbia River Water Management Plan and the Bonneville Power Administration's Residential Exchange Program. Lawmakers heard perspectives on pending litigation related to an Endangered Species Biological Opinion, and they discussed potential impacts of pending federal legislation, including the 2007 Clean Water Restoration Act.



# CSG-WEST 2007 Annual Meeting

September 16-19 in Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming

*They (the Americans) meet together in large numbers, they converse, they listen to one another, and they are mutually stimulated to all sorts of undertakings.*

~ Alexis de Tocqueville, Democracy in America, 1840



*A Wyoming Welcomed*  
Mary Gibson Scott, Superintendent of the Grand Teton National Park, welcomed everyone to Wyoming.



*American Politics*  
Veteran political observer and Washington Post columnist David **Broder** gave lawmakers the inside scoop on where the presidential hopefuls stand on the role of the states.



*Worldwide Energy Supply*  
General Charles F. "Chuck" Wald (Ret.), former Deputy Commander at U.S. Headquarters European Command, provided an overview of the worldwide situation for securing energy.



*Questions and Answers*  
Washington President Pro Tempore Rosa Franklin asked Washington Post columnist David Broder about 2008 presidential candidates.



*Host State Appreciation*  
Washington Rep. Jeff Morris (left), CSG-WEST Chair, presented Wyoming Legislature Host Committee Chair, Sen. Grant Larson, with a host state appreciation award for Wyoming's excellent work to ensure the success of the 60th anniversary meeting.





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## Health Care

National and state solutions were presented and discussed with (left to right) Sonya Schwartz - Program Manager of the National Academy of State Health Policy in Washington, D.C., Helen Flaherty Luce - former chief of staff for author of 2006 Massachusetts health care reform law, and Dr. Henry E. Simmons - President of the National Coalition on Health Care in Washington, D.C.



## The Future of Energy

A group of high powered panelists from both in and out of government looked at where U.S. energy is headed. Pictured:

The Honorable Dave Freudenthal (above right photo), - Governor of Wyoming, and (starting bottom left to right) Jeff Wojahn - EnCana, New Mexico Rep. Jose Campos - Session Emcee, Darrel Thorson - BP America, Vic Abate - General Electric, Wyoming Public Service Commissioner Mary Byrnes - Session Moderator, and Vice Admiral John J. Grossenbacher (Ret.) - Idaho National Laboratory Director



## Distinguished Legislative Leadership Award

Founder of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER), former Washington Sen. Alan Bluechel (left), received the CSG-WEST Bettye Fahrenkamp Award for Distinguished Legislative Leadership from Washington Rep. Jeff Morris (right), CSG-WEST Chair.



## Western Legislative Academy (WLA) Alumni

Former Wyoming Sen. John Barrasso, now U.S. Senator, told colleagues that the CSG-WEST Western Legislative Academy was the most significant training experience that prepared him for higher office.



Western Legislative Academy (WLA) Alumni Reception  
CSG-WEST Executive Director Kent Briggs reminisced with Washington Sen. Linda Evans Parlette as they looked at photos from the inaugural WLA class of 2000.



## Women in Politics

Wyoming hosted roundtable on what it means to be a woman legislator with Fawn Germer, bestselling author of "Mustang Sallies" and "Hard Won Wisdom." (left to right) Wyoming Rep. Rosie Berger, Wyoming First Lady Nancy Freudenthal, Fawn Germer and Wyoming State Auditor Rita Meyer

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## *Shooting Star Presentation*

*Beth Loudy of the State Government Affairs Council (SGAC) presented Washington Rep. Jeff Morris with an award in recognition of his leadership role as 2007 CSG-WEST Chair. SGAC is a national association of state government affairs representatives.*



## *What Women Really Want from Politics*

*Veteran political pollsters and co-authors of "What Women Really Want," Celinda Lake (above) and Kellyanne Conway (right) shared what state legislators should know about gender and party differences in the electorate.*



## *Western State Innovations*

*New Mexico Rep. Brian K Moore (center) chaired meeting to select winners of CSG Western Innovation programs. Winners were – Arizona Health-e Connection (represented by Executive Director Brad Tritle) and Washington Government Management Accountability and Performance (GMAP) (represented by Director Larisa Benson).*



## *Audience Discussion*

*(left to right), Wyoming Sen. Kit Jennings, Wyoming Rep. Tom Lockhart and Washington Rep. Sherry Appleton asked veteran pollsters for more information about profiling the electorate in stages of life versus ages of life.*



## *The Future of National Parks*

*National Park Service Director Mary Bomar shared plans for the centennial celebration in 2016.*



## *Higher Education*

*David Longanecker (left), executive director of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, and North Dakota Sen. Dave Nething (below) talked about higher education statistics and research in the West.*



*Canadian delegation hosted early bird reception (left to right) Washington Rep. Jeff Morris - CSG-WEST Chair; Canadian Consulate General Marc Boucher – Denver; Canadian Senator Dennis Dawson; Wyoming Sen. Grant Larson – Wyoming Host Committee Chair and David Kettles - Alberta International & Intergovernmental Relations Director*



# Annual Legislative Training Assembly

September 16, 2007 in Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming

*Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.*

~ John F. Kennedy, 1962

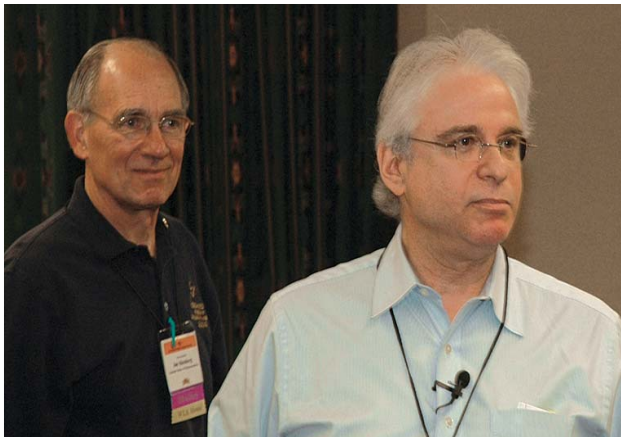
In response to a growing demand for continuing education, CSG-WEST held its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Legislative Training Assembly (ALTA) at the annual meeting in Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming. ALTA is a one-day professional development session that builds 'process' skills for members at all stages of their legislative careers.



*Idaho lawmakers, Representatives Nicole LeFavour and John Rusche, worked on a collaborations exercise.*



*Cool Tools for Collaboration  
Veteran labor negotiator and trainer Rhonda Hilyer helped lawmakers determine their collaboration styles.*



*Taking Communications to the Next Level  
Colorado Rep. Jim Riesberg (left) role played with trainer Jeff Ansell, communication specialist.*



*Colorado Speaker Pro Tempore Cheri Jahn participated in communications training.*



*Everyday Ethics for Legislators  
Tim Delaney, President of Center for Leadership, Ethics and Public Service, gave lawmakers practical tools to make better ethical decisions.*

# CSG: A Regionally Based National Organization of States

*As citizens of this democracy, you are the rulers and the ruled, the lawgivers and the law-abiding, the beginning and the end.*

~ Adlai Stevenson, 1956

Since 1933, The Council of State Governments (CSG) has served our nation's state leaders by providing a forum for "sharing good ideas across state borders." As the only organization serving all three branches of state government, CSG at the national level offers a unique look into the issues shaping state policy and legislation.

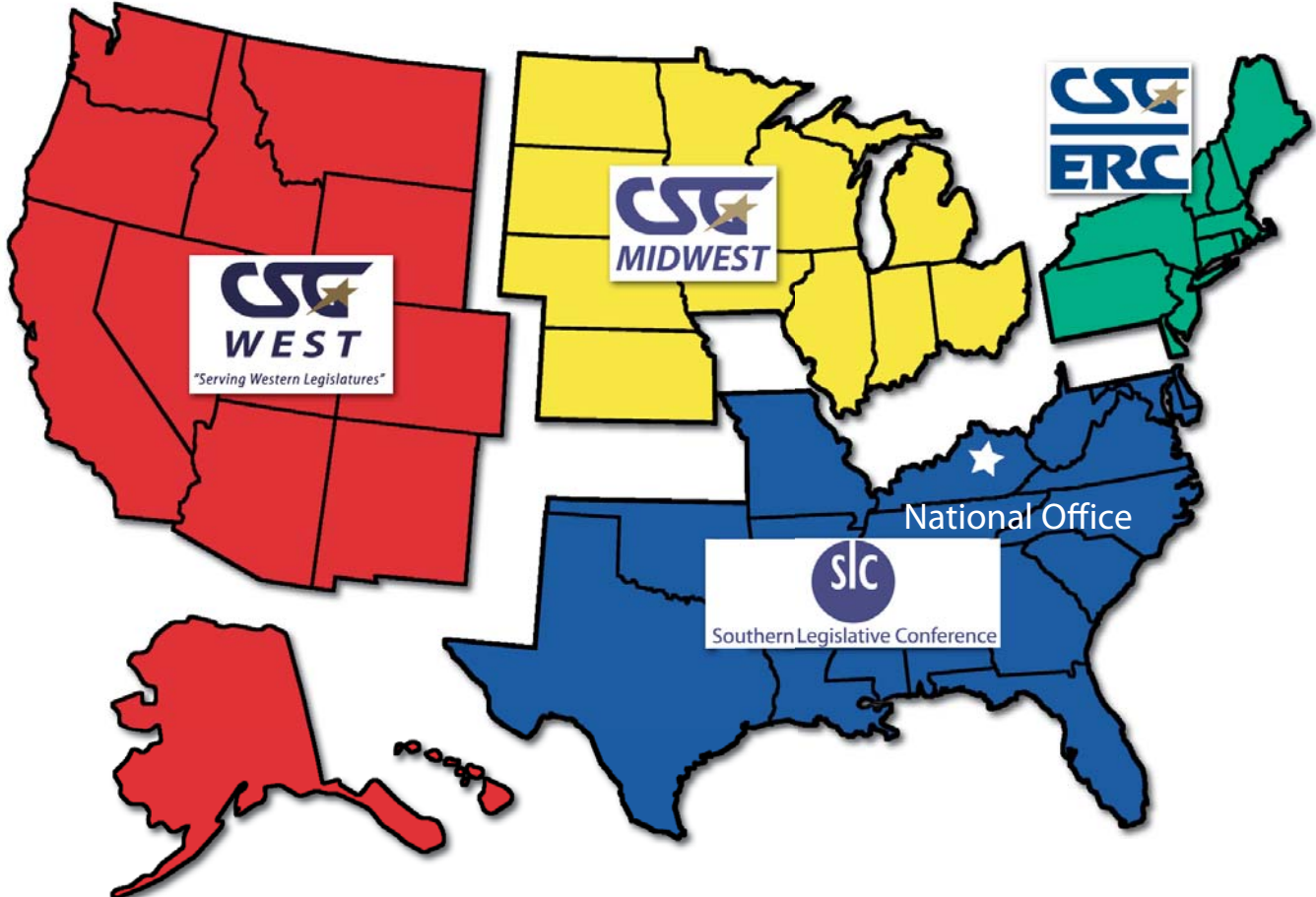
CSG has four very diverse regions with distinct geographical, demographic and cultural characteristics. Each region elects its own officers who also serve on the CSG national Executive Committee and Governing Board. Each region has its own staff who work with a variety of

policy committees, research projects, initiatives and meetings. In the West, CSG-WEST services western state legislatures exclusively.

With offices in Lexington, Kentucky, CSG national provides policy analysis and tracks national trends in state government. The Award-winning "The Book of the States" and "State News" magazine are published by the national office.

The CSG Washington D.C. office provides a voice for state leaders to Congress, monitors federal activities (including U.S. Supreme Court decisions) and evaluates their impact on states.

## Regions of The Council of State Governments





# Western Participation in CSG National



*2007 CSG National Leaders*

*Left to right: CSG Vice Chair-Elect - Senate President David L. Williams, Kentucky; CSG Chair-Elect - Rep. Kim Koppelman, North Dakota; CSG President - Governor Brad Henry, Oklahoma; CSG Chair - Rep. Deborah Hudson, Delaware; CSG Executive Director Dan Sprague; and CSG Vice Chair - Sen. Bart Davis, Idaho Senate Majority Leader*



*Sen. Gary Stevens  
Alaska Senate Majority Leader  
Co-Chair of CSG Energy and  
Environmental Committee*

*Rep. Maxine Bell, Idaho  
Vice Chair of CSG Financial  
Services Working Group*



*Sen. Paula Sandoval, Colorado  
Member of CSG Governing Board*

*Rep. Steve Urquhart, Utah  
Co-Vice Chair of CSG Intergovernmental  
Affairs Committee*



# Western Participation in CSG National



*Rep. Blake Oshiro, Hawaii  
Co-Chair of CSG Public Safety and  
Justice Task Force*



*Assembly Member Hector De La Torre, California  
Co-Chair of CSG International Committee*



## **2007 Western Toll Fellows**

*CSG's national Toll Fellowship program offers leadership and policy training sessions to emerging state leaders.*

*(front row, left to right) Rep. Rosie Berger (WY), Chief of Staff to Hawaii Senate President, Rod Tanonaka, Secretary of State Mary Herrera (NM)  
(back row, left to right) Dept of Corrections Director Robert Lampert (WY), Sen. John McGee (ID), Rep. Carl Gatto (AK), Sen. Linda Evans Parlette (WA), Sen. Sheldon Killpack (UT), Chief Legal Counsel for Montana Secretary of State, Janice Doggett*

*Not pictured: American Samoa Speaker Savali Talavou Ale*



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## CSG-WEST 61st Annual Meeting

Leadership For Today and Tomorrow

Anchorage, Alaska July 16–20, 2008

### Preliminary Schedule:

Wednesday, July 16

- All Day 26-Glacier Tour
- Canadian Delegation Reception at Alyeska

Thursday, July 17

- OPENING SESSION
- Annual Legislative Training Assembly (ALTA) Program Day
- North American Summit
- Western Legislative Academy Alumni (WLAA) and CSG Tolls Reception
- Evening Event with Entertainment and Native Crafts
- Hospitality Suite

Friday, July 18

- All Day Programming: Plenary Sessions and Policy Forums
- Women in Politics Session
- Open Evening for Socializing and Fishing Tournament
- Hospitality Suite

Saturday, July 19

- All Day Programming: Plenary Sessions and Policy Forums
- DINNER/DANCE Event

Sunday, July 20

- Morning: CSG-WEST Executive Committee Meeting

More information about the meeting is available at [www.csghost.org](http://www.csghost.org)



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